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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:AMCIT ALLEGES ENTRY DENIED BY EMBASSY

1. DEPARTMENT IS RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES FROM TWO SENATORS (CHILES AND STONE) WHO HAVE WRITTEN ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUENT (E. ABRABEN, PRESIDENT OF E. ABRABEN ASSOCIATES OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA). ABRABEN HAS PROTESTED BEING TURNED AWAY BY MARINE CORPORAL FROM EMBASSY LAGOS DURING DEMONSTRATION IN FEBRUARY 1976 AFTER SHOWING HIS US PASSPORT AND REQUESTING ENTRY. HE SAYS MARINE SAID HIS ORDERS WERE TO ALLOW NO ONE ENTER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT THIS FORCED HIM TO WALK BACK TO CAR "THROUGH A HOWLING MOB OF ABOUT 200 STUDENTS." ABRABEN ALSO UPSET THAT WCT TENNIS PLAYERS "GIVEN PRIORITY TREATMENT AND SPECIAL TRANSPORT OUT OF COUNTRY" ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT DIRECTLY ACCUSE EMBASSY OF ABETTING SUCH DISCRIMINATION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: REPORT BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH INCIDENT REPORTED BY ABRABEN COULD HAVE OCCURED. WHAT WERE ORDERS OF MARINE GUARDS AT TIME OF THE FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATIONS? IS THERE RECORD OR MEMORY

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OF TURNING AWAY AMCIT WHO SOUGHT ENTER EMBASSY? HAS

EMBASSY RECEIVED ANY OTHER COMPLAINTS FROM THE MANY AMCITS
CAUGHT IN LAGOS AT THE TIME? KISSINGER

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